

Who Can Refer?

Referrals come from parents, and community partners such as Family Physicians, Pediatricians, Public Health Nurses, as well as other agencies that work with infants and children. A diagnosis is not needed to access our program.



Best Practices

Our program uses Best Practices to ensure an optimal experience for you and your child.

We believe a family centered approach promotes positive outcomes for children and families who are nurtured in their early years. We will be happy to discuss our best practices philosophy with you if you have any questions.



(For Your Information)

Is there is a charge for our service?

There is no charge for our services. We are a voluntary service that is funded by the Ontario Government.

Call the **Infant and Child Development Services** for more information in the community nearest to you.

West Parry Sound

1-800-668-8555

705-746-4293

East Parry Sound

1-800-668-8555

705-384-5225

Muskoka

1-800-668-8555

705-645-3155

www.thefamilyhelpnetwork.ca



Infant and Child Development Services



The Infant and Child Development Services are committed to infants and children, addressing their mental and physical health, and their families by providing community based prevention and Early Intervention Services to infants and children who may be or have the potential to be developmentally at risk.

Early

Intervention

The Children We See



The children we see are from birth to five years eleven months of age.

They come from families of various backgrounds and are each unique in their own way. They may have a developmental delay, a diagnosis by a physician, pediatrician or be at risk. A child may be referred concerning their mental health which is a very important part of their development.



Some of the children we see may have a history of:

Prenatal, neonatal, or early developmental events, which may have affected them. These could be events such as prematurity, deafness, or possibly blindness. Other children may appear to be healthy and well, but they may be at risk of delayed development due to the environment in which they live.

Parent(s) may need help by learning how to parent a young child or there may be attachment concerns.

Parent(s) may need support on where to find resources for their infant or child.



What We Do For Your Infant and You

- ❖ We are a home-based program. Visits are scheduled at a time that is convenient for you and your family.
- ❖ Office and centre based visits can also be arranged. Your participation as a parent is important for identifying your child's needs.
- ❖ We will assist you in reaching your goals by working with you and your child, providing assistance in the form of suggestions and consultation.
- ❖ We can provide informal and standardized assessments to help measure the goals that you have set for your child.

